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Six More Staffers For Riot Commission

Sanford M. Jaffe, Executive Director of the Governor's Commission On Civil Disorders, today announced the appointment of seven staff members.

John A. Fitzsimmons, of Sparta; Rowland H. Copeland, of Montclair; Howard B. Horns, of Jersey City; and Felix J. Isom of East Orange were named investigators.

Ruth Turner, of Yonkers, New York; Patricia M. Lines, of Washington, D.C.; and John Cannel, of Paterson will work as research associates.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, who retired last June as a Major from the New Jersey State Police, served in that organization for 27 years. For half that time, Mr. Fitzsimmons was a detective, involved in major investigations such as the Bergen County gambling probe of the early fifties and the inquiry into the murder of Willie Moretti.

Mr. Copeland is on leave to the Commission from the U.S. Department of Justice, where he is a deputy U.S. Marshal for the District of New Jersey. He has been an investigator for the Bureau of Narcotics of the U.S. Treasury Department and in his earlier career was a teacher in the New Jersey public school system.

Mr. Horns has been employed in the New Jersey State Parole Bureau for the past 10 years. He was formerly associated with the New York City Youth House for Boys and the New York Detention House and Diagnostic Center.

Mr. Isom is a retired Sergeant of the Jersey City Police Department, where he served for close to 30 years. He also worked with the Special Service Bureau of that City's Board of Education.

Miss Turner recently completed a year of service as a special assistant in the national office of CORE (Congress for Racial Equality). Prior to that, she was administrative officer of CORE'S Cleveland Chapter. She is the author of many articles on urban issues, with emphasis on education. Miss Turner has a Master's Degree in education from Harvard University. She graduated from Oberlin College and spent a year of study at the Free University in West Berlin.

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Miss Lines is on leave from the Department of Justice in Washington, where she was working in the Civil Rights Division. Prior to that, Miss Lines worked in the Department's Chicago Office. She is a graduate of the University Of Minnesota and got her law degree at the same institution.

Mr. Cannel graduated from Yale Law School last Summer. He is now awaiting his admission to the New Jersey bar. While studying, he was active in legal aid work in New Haven, Connecticut.

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